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SUBJECT: F/V WICKO RELEASED

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1. F/V WICKO RELEASED JUNE 6 FOLLOWING PAYMENT OF
\$125,000 CIVIL FINE AND \$25,000 CRIMINAL PENALTY AGAINST
CAPTAIN WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO BARTLETT ACT VIOLATIONS.

2. JUST PRIOR TO FINAL SETTLEMENT, POLISH AMBASSADOR
TRAMPCZYNSKI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE.
TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID THAT VICE MINISTER PIETRASZEK HAD AUTHOR-
IZED TRAMPCZYNSKI ON JUNE 5 TO SAY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
MORE PROBLEMS WITH POLISH FISHING VESSELS. PIETRASZEK HAS
SENT TWO INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL POLISH FISHING VESSELS ORDER-
ING THEM TO OBEY FULLY THE PROVISIONS OF US-POLISH
BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS. PIETRASZEK HAS UNDERLINED
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THAT LOBSTER PROVISIONS ESPECIALLY MUST BE OBSERVED. THE

NEW INSTRUCTIONS STATE CLEARLY THAT VIOLATORS, WHETHER MASTER OR SEAMAN, WILL BE PUNISHED BY THE POLISH AUTHORITIES. TRAMPCZYNSKI STATED FURTHER THAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE WICKO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED; NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE THE U.S. COURTS, THE WICKO'S MASTER WILL BE PUNISHED BY THE POLISH AUTHORITIES.

3. RECALLING THAT OUR FISHERIES AUTHORITIES RECENTLY REPORTED THAT THE F/V'S LUDOVIK AND BURAN HAD ALSO IN THE PAST VIOLATED US-POLISH FISHERIES REGULATIONS ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES TOOK NO ACTION ON THESE VIOLATIONS, TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID THAT MINISTER PIETRASZEK WANTED US TO KNOW THAT INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEGUN IN BOTH CASES AND WE WOULD BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS.

4. ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT THE FOREGOING WAS VERY HELPFUL. HE RECALLED THAT HE HAD INFORMALLY TOLD PIETRASZEK IN MAY THAT THE SOVIETS, AFTER A NUMBER OF UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS, HAD GIVEN US TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WERE APPLYING AN ADDITIONAL THREE-MILE BUFFER ZONE TO LESSEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT VIOLATIONS COULD OCCUR. TRAMPCZYNSKI REPLIED THAT THE SOVIETS TOLD HIM THAT THE WIDTH OF THEIR ADDITIONAL BUFFER ZONE WAS TEN MILES; ARMITAGE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT CONFIRM THIS. ARMITAGE WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT IN BOTH THE KALMAR AND WICKO CASES, WE TRIED TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE INCIDENTS THEMSELVES AND THE CLEAR POLICY OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AS EXPRESSED IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS SURE THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD AGREE THAT JUSTICE MUST BE DONE. HE REITERATED THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ABOUT THESE FISHERIES VIOLATIONS. WE ARE CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT POLISH GOVERNMENT POLICY DOES NOT CONDONE SUCH VIOLATIONS OF OUR BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS. KISSINGER

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